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For : HALFTONE PHASE SHIFTING PHOTOMASK AND  
BLANKS FOR HALFTONE PHASE SHIFTING  
PHOTOMASK THEREFOR AND A METHOD FOR FORMING  
PATTERN BY USING THE HALFTONE PHASE  
SHIFTING PHOTOMASK

Atty. Docket No.: OPS Case 529

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Washington, DC 20231

## AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first Office Action in the  
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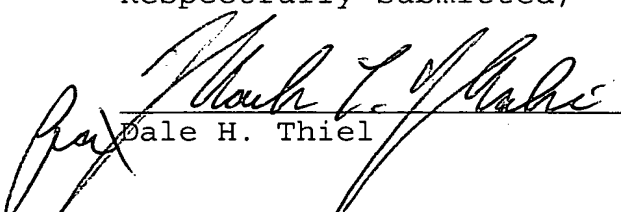
## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraphs 0029, 0030, 0035, 0036 and 0038-0040 are  
amended as indicated in the attached marked-up copy. Pursuant  
to 37 CFR §1.121, replacement pages with the amended  
paragraphs are attached.

## REMARKS

The above amendment is being made to conform the brief  
descriptions of Figs. 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 10-12 to the drawing  
sheets.

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and 0038-0040 (2 pages)

Replacement paragraphs 0029, 0030, 0035, 0036  
and 0038-0040 (2 pages)

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